

## ROCKEFELLER IN STEEL

Morgan Said to Have Lost Control of the Trust.

FRICK FIRST LIEUTENANT.

Carnegie's Enemy Will Aid Standard Oil King in Reorganizing the Great Corporation.

New York, Dec. 31.—Control of the United States Steel corporation, the greatest industrial concern in the world, is now completely and absolutely vested in the Rockefeller group of capitalists and Henry Clay Frick, the enemy of Andrew Carnegie, says the World.

Formal announcement of this fact may not be made in set words, but the effect of the change from the control of J. Pierpont Morgan will soon be made evident.

John D. Rockefeller and Mr. Frick have fully worked out their plans. These provide for the complete elimination of the Morgan-Perkins-Schwab-Carnegie parties from active leadership in the affairs of the Steel corporation.

**To Use Standard Oil Methods.**  
Standard Oil methods are hereafter to be employed from top to bottom in the management of the steel trust. The first to feel this will be the men who are drawing salaries of from \$12,000 to \$25,000 a year. Many of these men are friends of those who dominate its management. These employees under the new regime must either stand for a reduction in salaries or get out.

The new plan is to run the corporation for its owners, the stockholders, and not for the personal friends of the controlling interests. No employee will get more than the actual value of his services.

A Pittsburg man, a friend of Mr. Frick, in describing the salary question under the new regime, said:

"These men will be able to live comfortably in Metuchen, N. J., or Plainfield, but not in style on Fifth avenue."

Like all movements by the Rockefellers, control of the Steel corporation was accomplished quietly.

**To Make Company Conservative.**  
The ultimate purpose is to put the Steel corporation in the same class of conservative management as the Standard Oil company, and to attain that end none of the necessary surgical operations in finance will be spared. The work is to be taken up in a spirit that is absolutely hostile to everything done in the past by Mr. Morgan, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Schwab.

The Rockefeller policy has always been to make the payment of dividends secondary to the accumulation of a large surplus for offensive and defensive purposes. The Standard Oil company, with a capital of \$100,000,000, is generally credited in the Wall Street district with having an undivided cash surplus of \$200,000,000.

Whether the change in control will also bring about a change in the presidency of the corporation is not known. W. E. Corey, the president, is a Carnegie man. The breach between Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Frick is just as broad and bitter now as it was in December, 1899, when Mr. Carnegie tried to eject Mr. Frick from the old Carnegie Steel company and take over his stock holdings under the ironclad agreement through which Mr. Carnegie controlled his partners.

**Wanted Frick for President.**

Mr. Rockefeller wanted Mr. Frick to be president of the Steel corporation when it was organized, believing him to be superior to Mr. Schwab. The enemy of Mr. Carnegie, however, stood in the way of the position going to Mr. Frick. Under the new regime Mr. Carnegie is not to have any say in the management of the corporation and is to be simply on the same basis as other bondholders.

The meeting of the directors of the Steel corporation to take action on the dividends for the first quarter of the new year will be held on Tuesday of next week. A majority of the directors are Morgan and Carnegie men.

Thomas Lynch, president of the H. C. Frick company, one of the constituent companies of the Steel corporation, is in this city, having been summoned from Pittsburg. Mr. Lynch sided with Mr. Frick in the famous fight with Mr. Carnegie. He was in conference with certain officials of the Steel corporation at 71 Broadway. The nature of his mission could not be learned, but it was supposed to have something to do with the change in control.

**Noted Winter Resort Destroyed.**

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 31.—The Highland hotel, one of the finest winter resorts in New Mexico, has been destroyed by fire. Defective wiring of the call bell board in the hotel office was the cause. Several invalids at the hotel had narrow escapes, but there were no casualties. The loss is \$60,000, with \$25,000 insurance. The guests lost practically all their clothing and personal effects.

**Squires Hurries Back to Cuba.**

Washington, Dec. 31.—Minister Squires has for the second time within six weeks curtailed his leave of absence and hastened to Cuba. He will arrive at Havana by the end of the week. It is understood that the rather extraordinary legislation pending in the Cuban congress requires the presence on the spot of the American minister. The proposed changes in the Cuban tariff schedules are regarded in some quarters here as tending to vitiate the spirit, if not the letter, of the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

## BATTLE WITH BANDITS.

Negroes Try to Hold Up a Southern Pacific Train.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Inter Ocean from New Orleans says that in a fiercely fought battle between railroad employees and negroes, following an attempt to hold up a freight train on the Southern Pacific railroad, two of the trainmen were fatally wounded.

The train was attacked by a gang of negro tramps near Morgan City and captured after the crew had been driven off. A body of railroad employees gathered by the conductor of the freight train opened fire upon the negroes, who were looting the cars. After an exchange of shots, during which Brinkman B. S. Cooper and F. C. Watcher were shot, the tramps were driven off. Several of them were captured later and brought to Franklin.

**Express Messenger Brutally Beaten.**  
Rockville, Conn., Dec. 31.—William H. Doyling, local agent of the Adams Express company, was robbed and brutally assaulted by two unknown men while on his way from his residence to his office. Between \$400 and \$500 was taken from him. Doyling was found later lying by the side of the road unconscious. There were several wounds on his head and many bruises on his body.

**Car Barn Bandit Tries to Escape.**

Chicago, Dec. 31.—An attempt to escape from the county jail by one of the car barn bandits was discovered by Jailer Whitman. The bar in Roelski's cell had been sawed in two and bent away. The saw could not be found. Roelski immediately was transferred to another cell and the guard doubled.

**Grand Rapids "Gratt" Trial.**

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 31.—J. Boyd Paulding, a hotel man of this city, gave what the prosecution regards as a damaging testimony against William F. McKnight and ex-State Senator George R. Nichols of Iowa when their examination in the police court on the charge of subornation of perjury was resumed. Paulding testified that during the bribery trial of Lunt K. Salisbury, former city attorney, during which the alleged offense was committed, he gave to McKnight the key to a private parlor in his hotel. The prosecution is endeavoring to show that an attempt was made in this parlor to bribe Witness Gaman, who was expected to furnish the people's strongest testimony at the Salisbury trial.

**Elections in Panama.**

Panama, Dec. 31.—Among those who have been elected to the constitutional convention the most prominent are Dr. Amador, Pablo Arce, Domingo Obaldia, Belisario Porras and Luis De Roux. News of importance has been received from the isthmus of Darien. The Indians there are all in favor of the republic and have sent spies throughout the coast and into the interior. The government of Panama has furnished the Indians with guns and ammunition, thus making them very contented.

**Autopsy on Cordoba's Rats.**

Hamburg, Germany, Dec. 31.—The inquiry into the mortality among the rats on the German steamer Cordoba, from Santos, Brazil, Nov. 25, via Bahia, Dec. 2, confirms the report that they died of bubonic plague. The vessel has been towed to Strandsdafen and quarantined. There is no sickness among the crew, and it is officially announced that the precautions taken preclude the possibility of public danger.

**A Firecracker Trust.**

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The American Firecracker company of New York has been incorporated here with \$1,000,000 capital. The directors are Louis Schulman, Edward J. Flannigan, Brooklyn; Joseph Schulman, B. J. Peterson, T. A. Moolten, Jacob Oshlag, S. R. Rose, R. I. Blakelee, Maurice Clar, Alexander Wolf, William Ebert and Abraham Berman of New York.

**Many Men Made Idle.**

Chicago, Dec. 31.—On account of the closing of the Illinois Steel company mill at South Chicago 300 employees of the Chicago, Lake Shore and Eastern railway, which is operated by the steel company, have been laid off and 130 more discharged. Among the men discharged were thirty of the oldest employees of the company, mostly engineers.

**Signal Service Officer Dead.**

Washington, Dec. 31.—Captain Edward B. Ives, signal corps, who has been on duty in the office of the chief signal officer at the war department for some time past, has died here from a complication of diseases. Captain Ives was born in the District of Columbia, but was appointed to the Military academy from New York in July, 1874.

**Christmas Conscience.**

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—"Scruples of Conscience," who scattered \$2,000, mostly in fifty dollar bills, among the railroads and other corporations as Christmas presents, has a rival in "Honesty," who appears to have confined his generosity to the Big Four. Two letters have been received by the latter road each containing \$50.

**Suicide of Canadian in London.**

London, Dec. 31.—Andrew Patullo, a member of the Ontario legislature, killed himself here during the night by cutting his throat. He had been addressing meetings in support of Joseph Chamberlain's fiscal policy. He was born in 1850.

**Marquis of Silgo Dead.**

Dublin, Dec. 31.—The Marquis of Silgo has died at Westport House, Westport, County Mayo. He was born in 1824.

## ON THE POINT OF WAR

Japan Says Russia Must Yield at Once or Fight.

SITUATION IS UNBEARABLE.

Mikado's Ministry Will Wait No Longer For a Final Decision. German Foreign Office Still Talks of Peace.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The Lokalanzeiger, without reserve, says:

"The Japanese government has informed the representatives of the powers at Tokyo that the situation at this moment is unbearable and that Japan must strike if Russia does not accept the propositions Japan has submitted, as Japan can wait no longer for a final decision."

The Lokalanzeiger is independent in politics, but is very careful not to offend the government and court circles.

The foreign office here continues to assure inquirers that the German government does not believe war will issue from the Japanese-Russian controversy.

It does not appear that Sir Frank C. Lascelles, the British ambassador here, as previously cabled, said that war is not unlikely unless Russia yields. The Japanese legation believes and hopes Russia will grant Japan's just requests. Count von Osten-Sacken, the Russian ambassador, has been accepting invitations in unusual numbers, appearing at breakfasts, receptions, dinners and balls, serene and confident, always taking it as an impossibility that the situation in the far east is even grave.

**Diplomats in the Dark.**

Others of the diplomatic corps seem to be without news and express general ideas, the easy and safe one being that "hostilities are quite unlikely" and that each side is testing its adversary to the breaking point.

Everywhere there is anxiety for authoritative news that shall bring the period of suspense to an end.

The mobilization of the Japanese navy is at least partially attributable, according to a Vladivostok dispatch to the Cologne Gazette, to open acts of hostility on the part of Koreans to ward Japanese, probably necessitating active measures of defense of Japanese interests in southern Korea.

The Cologne Gazette considers that this dispatch is an admission that Japan has a good claim to defend her interests in southern Korea by force of arms and controverts the rumors to the effect that Russia would regard the landing of any considerable Japanese force in southern Korea as a casus belli.

The paper concludes: "The attitude of Russia on this question may therefore be regarded as a further concession on her part."

**"Tomorrow There May Be War."**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The foreign dispatches lately received here are reflected in more pessimistic editorials. The Novoye Vremya begins its leader with: "There is no war today. Tomorrow there may be war." The paper rather factually directs attention to the fact that wars marked the opening of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The Novoye Vremya nevertheless still professes faith in a peaceful settlement.

**China Will Ratify Treaty.**

Peking, Dec. 31.—The Chinese government has promised United States Minister Conger to soon forward the Chinese copy of the treaty to Washington for the exchange of ratifications. It is necessary first to obtain the emperor's seal. After the treaty is ratified the opening of Mukden and Antung to the commerce of the world can be pressed.

**British Troop Going East.**

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 31.—No. 83 company, Royal garrison artillery, 113 strong, has sailed for Hongkong on the steamer Empress of India, being relieved by a company from Halifax. The change is made in the regular schedule of garrison changes and it is said, has no bearing on the far eastern crisis.

**Situation Desperate.**

Paris, Dec. 31.—It is learned in diplomatic circles that the Japanese government has informed the foreign diplomats that the situation with respect to Russia is desperate, but not hopeless. It is believed this information was communicated to the French government for presentation at St. Petersburg.

**Japan Gets Argentine Ships.**

London, Dec. 31.—Japan has completed the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Rivadavia, building at Genoa, Italy, for which Russia also was negotiating.

**Paris Police Arrest Strikers.**

Paris, Dec. 31.—The police have struck a decisive blow at the bakers' strike by arresting four of the chief officials of the bakers' organization on the charge of being responsible for the petty pillage of bakeries on the outskirts of the city. The arrest of Biquet, head of the bakers' union, was made as he was leaving the Labor Exchange and caused much excitement. The others were arrested at their homes.

**Noted Baseball Player Murdered.**

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Dennis Leahy, for several years a player in the Virginia Baseball league and at one time a member of the Cincinnati team, was shot and killed here by Frank Ragan. Ragan was arrested.

## OLD AGE Depends Not Upon Years, But Upon Vital Force.

A Great Discovery to Ward Off Old Age.

In Barre lately there has been a good deal of discussion in regard to old people. Some at 60 years call themselves old, and really appear so; while others at 70 seem active, vigorous and young.

A reporter of the Times happened in the store of Rickert & Wells, our local druggists, the other evening, and this subject was brought up. Said Mr. Wells of the firm: "It is a fact, and we see it illustrated every day right here in Barre; it is not years, old age does not begin at any set time, but it is loss of vital force that makes a person old. Weakened digestion, thin blood and poor circulation soon start functional powers and vitality on the wane, and then the symptoms of old age quickly appear. You know a man is as old as he feels."

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Mrs. Sarah J. Windrom (cousin to the late United States President, Zachary Taylor), 429 West Erie street, Chicago, who is 76 years old, says Vinol is a godsend to old people. So also does George L. Jones, Sr., of 19 Perrine Ave., Jersey City, and A. J. Baker of 713 Locust street, Evansville, Ind.

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## PLATT AND ODELL.

Senator Expects Governor to Come Back to "Sunday School."

New York, Dec. 31.—Senator Platt expects that Governor Odell will be here soon to take part in the conferences on the legislative programme and the political situation. The senator has been confident all along that the governor would accept his invitation to come to see him, and the senator's friends say that there is no reason, as far as they can see, why the governor should not, as the relations between Mr. Platt and Mr. Odell are harmonious. They insist that the conferences now in progress are not especially significant.

At the same time, Senator Platt's call for a conference and the general response that followed it came as a surprise to members of the local organization, who were under the impression that the senator had agreed to leave the details of party management to the governor. Local politicians are somewhat mystified by the proceedings now being conducted. Just at present there is much gossip, but little news. The situation is expected to clear up, however, after the arrival of the governor.

During the last two or three days there has been a continuous line of local and up state leaders at the office of Senator Platt, 49 Broadway.

**Odell Has Many Visitors.**

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Governor Odell had a large number of visitors. Among those prominent in Republican politics were State Senators Baltes, Wilcox and W. T. Brown, Excise Commissioner Cullinan, Division Superintendent of the Canal J. N. Parker of Schenectady, Postmaster J. H. Callahan of Schenectady, ex-Senator Hobart Kram of Schoharie, Bank Superintendent Kilburn, James S. Parker, the newly elected Washington county assessor, Assemblyman Weemple of Schenectady, State Committeeman J. V. Baker, and District Attorney Charles Pratt of Washington county.

**Parry Wants Colonists Suppressed.**

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—In a speech before representative citizens from every line of trade and commerce in the city David M. Parry of Indianapolis, Ind., president of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America, spoke in favor of suppressing union leaders. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Citizens' Industrial Association of St. Louis, which permanently organized and adopted resolutions strongly disapproving of the "closed shop," the eight hour law and the violence and intimidation of labor unionism. The resolution declares that the eight hour bill now pending in congress is a serious menace to the business interests of the country and opposes its passage.

**Ladrones Hunt Constables.**

Manila, Dec. 31.—News has been received from Cavite that on Dec. 22 Montalón's band of ladrones captured and hanged two members of the constabulary secret service.

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## THREE KILLED IN FIRE

Prominent Troy Lawyers Victims of Clubhouse Blaze.

A BOSTONIAN ALSO DEAD.

New York Guest of Club Seriously Hurt by Inhaling Smoke—Fifth Conflagration in Troy in Six Weeks.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Moses T. Clough, the Nestor of the Rensselaer county bar and the only survivor of the class of '48 of Dartmouth college; William Shaw, head of the law firm of Shaw, Bailey & Murphy, of which former United States Senator Edward Murphy's son is a member, and Benjamin W. Kinney, manager for the Fuller-Warren company in Boston, are dead, the victims of the fire which partially destroyed the Troy club.

The dead men were sleeping in the clubhouse, Messrs. Clough and Shaw making the place their home, and were overcome by smoke and could not escape from the flames. Soon after the firemen reached the scene the doomed occupants of the structure were seen at the windows, but nothing could be done to save them, so dense was the smoke and so rapid the progress of the conflagration.

Edward Carpenter of New York, a guest of the club, was taken from an upper window by the firemen and removed to a hospital, where he is recovering from the effects of smoke inhaled. He was in town preparing for his marriage with a young society woman of the city. His escape from death was regarded as one of the remarkable features of the fire.

An investigation is in progress for the purpose of determining the cause of the fire. One theory advanced, which is receiving considerable attention, is that the trouble arose from a lighted cigarette coming in contact with some combustible material. The floors of the club were saturated with oil used in cleaning and polishing, and these made the progress of the flames rapid. The walls of the building were of brownstone, and the club was built ten or twelve years ago at a cost of \$500,000. The loss by the fire will reach \$55,000.

Moses T. Clough was eighty-nine years of age, and Mr. Shaw was nearly seventy. The latter was a bachelor.

**Fifth Fire in Six Weeks.**

The fire was the fifth to visit Troy in a month or six weeks, and the insurance companies are engaged in figuring out losses aggregating a million dollars. The impression in insurance circles was that a number of the fires were the outcome of incendiaries.

While the police are busy with an investigation into the cause of some of the fires they do not assert anything in connection with the fire in the Troy club or the one which wiped out part of a business block Sunday morning. They report, however, that while the fire at the Troy club was at its worst the discovery was made that an attempt was being made to burn the building at the corner of Broadway and Fifth avenue, occupied by William Conway as a newsstand. The incendiary was caught in the act of applying the match, but ran away and, although pursued, could not be overtaken.

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